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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY PEKO DAPCEVIC

REFERENCE: BELGRADE 1275

1. SORRY TO BE SO SLOW IN ANSWERING YOUR 1275, BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO LINE UP THE KIND OF CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION WE THINK IS NEEDED TO ASSURE THE SUCCESS OF A VISIT BY PEKO DAPCEVIC. WE STILL DO NOT HAVE A CLEAR CUT COMMITMENT FROM THE HILL; HOWEVER, WE HAVE SUFFICIENTLY POSITIVE REACTION FROM SPEAKER ALBERT'S OFFICE TO LEAD US TO BELIEVE THAT HE WILL TAKE ON AT LEAST PART OF THE HOST'S ROLE FOR DAPCEVIC. WE HOPE TO GET THIS NAILED DOWN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. MEANWHILE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY
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HERE HAS JUST BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS WITH US A THREE-

DAY STOP IN WASHINGTON (APRIL 26-29) BY DAPCEVIC AND FOUR
OTHER SFRY MEMBERS. IN RELAYING THIS, EMBASSY OFFICERS
TERM PROPOSED VISIT AS QUOTE IN RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS
FROM RECENT DELEGATIONS OF US CONGRESSMEN UNQUOTE. WE
EXPECT BELOVSKI OR DCM PETKOVIC TO MAKE THIS PITCH IN

THE NEXT DAY OR SO AND TO GIVE US MORE DETAILS OFFICIALLY
ON THE QUOTE INVITATIONS UNQUOTE THAT HAVE BEEN EXTENDED.

3. WE SUGGEST YOU WAIT FOR FURTHER WORD FROM US BEFORE
DISCUSSING THIS MATTER AGAIN WITH THE YUGOSLAVS. KISSINGER

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